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SUBJECT: PREMIER ALEX CAMPBELL CALLS PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
PROVINCIAL GENERAL ELECTION

1. ON APRIL 3 AT SESSION OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PREMIER CAMPBELL ANNOUNCED HE IS CALLING A PROVINCIAL GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MONDAY APRIL 29. LAST ELECTION WAS HELD MAY 11, 1970 AT WHICH TIME 27 LIBERALS AND FIVE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES WERE ELECTED,. PRESENT STANDING IS 24 LIBERALS, SEVEN CONSERVATIVES AND ONE VACANCY IN 32 SEAT HOUSE, CONSERVATIVES HAVING GAINED TWO SEATS IN BY-ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER 1971. VACANCY WAS CREATED BY DEATH OF LIBERAL MEMBER ROBERT SCHURMAN MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM.
 2. EACH OF SIXTEEN ELECTORAL DISTRICTS IN PROVINCE HAS TWO REPRESENTATIVES, A COUNCILLOR AND AN ASSEMBLYMAN. VOTE WITHIN DISTRICT CAN BE SPLIT.
 3. BOTH MAJOR PARTIES LIKELY TO FIELD FULL SLATE OF CANDIDATES. NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS NOT LIKELY TO PUT UP CANDIDATES FOR MORE THAN HALF OF SEATS.
 4. PREMIER'S JUSTIFICATION FOR CALLING ELECTION IS THAT ELECTION FEVER IS RAMPANT AND THAT IT IMPEDES HEALTHY FUNCTIONING OF LEGISLATURE. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT RESULTS OF NOVA SCOTIA ELECTION WHICH GAVE LIBERALS RESOUNDING VICTORY IN THAT PROVINCE ENCOURAGED
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